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SUBJECT: Security Report 25 January to 25 February 1948

TO : Chief of Mission, External Survey Detachment 44,  
U.S. Navy

# I. GENERAL SUMMARY

Normal security functions were performed by the Security Officer during the month of February 1948. These functions consist of obtaining security checks on locally hired civilians and maintaining a surveillance on security of the Detachment.

## II. REVIEW OF THE MONTH'S EVENTS

1. The Security Officer made a tour of field stations. At each station all personnel were given a security lecture. The lecture was essentially the same as that given in Shanghai. At the conclusion of the lecture all personnel executed a new oath of office thereby signifying that they understand the existing security regulations and that they will abide by them. At the stations certain improper security practices were pointed out and recommendations for improvement of these practices were made to the station commanders by the Security Officer. The overall security situations at the field stations were found to be satisfactory.
2. Physical security improvements have been made in the office compound on Avenue Patain. Folding iron doors were placed on the front and rear exits of the Administration Building. In the event of any disorder or disturbance these doors will resist any forceable entry. A section of the Dormitory Building was isolated for use by the Field Photo Section. The isolation was effected by the installation of a sliding iron door and a heavy grilled door at the hall entrances. Iron bars were installed on the windows of this section. This installation will permit the drying of classified films within the locked rooms of the isolated section during non-working hours. The message center and radio room have been combined in one room on the second floor of the Administration Building. Work is now in progress to install additional bars to the windows and a heavy grill door to the entrance. Because of the limited supply several combination filing cabinets and safes have been redistributed to sections which have the greatest need for them.
3. At Rue Ratard billets, where the servants were replaced last month, there have been no reports of thievery. On several occasions servants have found lost articles and promptly turned them in to the housekeeper. It is believed that the general corruptness of the household has been corrected.
4. The Security Officer has conducted frequent "spot-checks" on security practices within the office compound. These checks disclosed that the personnel have corrected their previous insecure practices and are maintaining proper security procedures.
5. During the month of January 1948 this section initiated four communications to Washington. As of this date Washington has not replied to the communications. They are:
  - a. Letter requesting up-to-date security directives and policies.
  - b. Letter requesting Washington policy on marriage of American personnel with foreigners.
  - c. Wire requesting 15 door night locks and 25 combination padlocks.
  - d. Wire requesting additional 25 combination padlocks.

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This detachment lacks adequate padlocks and it is impossible to purchase combination padlocks in this area. Therefore it is requested that necessary action be initiated to expedite the shipment.

6. The following personnel were de-briefed prior to Stateside departure:

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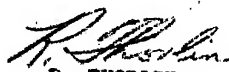
8. Security checks continue. This section is striving to accumulate a pool of servants so that there will be no delay in the hiring of discharged servants. Many servants have been with the organization too long. It is the intention of the Security Officer to replace them.

### III. RELATIONS WITH OPERATIONAL BRANCHES

1. Relations with operational branches of the organization remained excellent. This section has the cooperation of Branch Chiefs as individuals and administratively. Relations with those sections of other U.S. Government agencies which are allied to security have been established. Liaison is maintained with Security, Public Relations and Shore Patrol Officers; the Criminal Investigation Division; Counter-Intelligence Corps; Military Police and the Area Provost Marshal.

### IV. PERSONNEL

1. The T/O of this section consists of one Army Officer, the Theater Security Officer and one civilian clerk-typist. Under the direction and control of this section are two civilian investigators, twenty-one guards, and four interpreter-receptionists.

  
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Security Officer

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